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The Good Roads Mass Meeting Held Tuesday

A good roads mass meeting was held in the court house Tuesday afternoon. At two o'clock the meeting was called to order by W. A. Greenwald, after which the meeting proceeded to elect a chairman and secretary. Mr. Jack Walsh of Humboldt was elected to the office of chairman and John Martin was chosen secretary.

Mr. Greenwald then proceeded to state the nature of the meeting and in a brief manner stated facts about certain existing conditions not possessing natural tendencies toward elevating the prestige of Richardson county and its roads in the estimation of the people compelled to travel over them.

He then read and placed in the hands of the chairman elect, a list of topics for consideration and discussion at the hands of the body assembled. The following is the list:

- 1 To secure the best results under our present road law.
- 2 Needed legislation in our general road laws.
- 3 Needed legislation to provide adequate means with which to build permanent roads.
- 4 The advisability of forming a permanent good roads organization with a view of following up prospective legislation the coming session of the legislature etc etc.

In presenting these topics, the committee creating them suggested that these subjects be discussed topically in the order named; believing the best results might be obtained by discussing each topic separately.

These topics were handled in a somewhat masterly way by not a few; and it was clearly demonstrated that many minds have been busy along the lines of the necessity of good roads and the proper way to secure them.

The Falls City Commercial club has been wrestling with the good roads problem for many months, and realizing as they evidently did, the magnitude of the subject under consideration, they have appealed to the people of the county in general to assemble themselves in a mass meeting and arrange for a proper mode of operation along the line of securing proper legislation for good roads.

That their cry was heard was plainly evinced by the large crowd

assembled in the the court room Tuesday afternoon. After the discussion of the above mentioned topics, the meeting instructed the chairman to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the legislator from this county toward securing the passage of a bill that would prove beneficial in securing a law where by the condition now existing might be bettered. This committee was afterward chosen as the executive committee of a permanent organization. This committee is comprised of the following members: W. A. Greenwald, G. J. Crook, J. B. Babcock, R. E. Grinstead and G. A. Abbott.

It was suggested that this committee instruct the legislator to secure the abolishment of road overeer.

At this juncture a motion was made and carried, that a permanent good roads organization be affected. Consequently the body proceeded to elect permanent officers, and J. B. Babcock was elected president and J. C. Nulk was elected to the office of secretary. These men with the committee previously organized, form the present officials of the Richardson county good roads organization.

There was no questions in the minds of any present as to the results of this mass meeting, it can have but one result and that is the securing the better roads for Richardson county. The condition of affairs in existence for the past twenty five years in this county, prove beyond a doubt that there is need of a change along certain lines.

Vast sums of money have been collected in Richardson County by taxation for the purpose of keeping the roads in good condition, but these sums have been unwisely expended, and the result is, that the roads are still in a poor condition.

One thing in particular was sprung on the convention; it was asserted that it would be impossible for these eastern councils to secure the desired legislation, because the western counties, who enjoy the blessing of a level country and consequently, good roads, would fight any attempt at changing the present laws.

That they are in the majority and are able to frustrate our plans is seemingly true; but we

can overcome their opposition by putting the counties on the same basis with township organizations. There is a law which provides for township organizations, which a county may or may not adopt as it pleases.

A road law could be passed and it could be optional with the individual counties as to whether it should apply to them or not. By adopting such a mode of procedure, the western representatives could be persuaded to assist because it would not affect their counties unless the voters should so indicate. We hope that the executive committee will adopt the above idea for we believe it to be the really proper cause to pursue.

Altogether the meeting was a good one in every respect, and we well pleased with the outcome. This meeting was but a step toward bringing about a condition not beneficial to the farmer alone but to the business man in town as well.

In the large crowd assembled we noticed not a few of our prominent men, some of them being Robt. Cain, jr of Stella, Charles Atwood, Supervisor elect, Humboldt, I. Beldon chairman of the bridge committee Dawson; Mr. Knisly, Ohio precinct; Mr. Bantz postmaster, Humboldt, Geo. Jern Verdon; H. D. Weller, Stella; B. F. Miles and Mr. Eddie, Dawson.

Married.

STITES—REAVIS.

Burton I. Reavis and Lena K. Stites were married at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. Kilgove, 4333 Bayard Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., Monday morning December 12th, 1904, at eleven o'clock.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Moore, an old friend and neighbor of the bride. In a few simple and impressive words he united this worthy young couple and pronounced them man and wife. Following the ceremony and after the congratulations of the assembled relatives and friends an elaborate wedding luncheon was served. The bride was attired in a handsome and becoming gown of white crepe de chene and lace, and carried brides roses. Mr. and Mrs. Reavis took the afternoon train to Kansas City where they will visit for a few days, being at home to their friends on West 6th street, Falls City, after January 1st, 1905.

Burton I. Reavis or Burt as he is familiarly known is a Falls City product, having been born in this city and living here all of his life. He is known to everybody

as a young man of ability and promise. He is connected with the Reavis & Abbey furniture store.

Miss Stites enjoys a large acquaintance here, having been connected with Miss Barry's millinery establishment for two years. She is a young lady of culture and refinement and will be a welcome addition to Falls City's social life.

The Tribune joins the many friends of Mr and Mrs. Reavis in wishing them their full share of life's joys.

NEAL—GIANNINI.

At the Baptist parsonage, Monday evening, Lloyd S. Giannini and Miss Elizabeth R. Neal.

Mr. Giannini is the son of M. Giannini, the popular proprietor of the hotel bus line.

Miss Neal is the daughter of the late Dr. Neal, and is one of Falls City's popular young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Giannini will Falls City their future home, and The Tribune joins in with their hosts of friends in wishing them a long and prosperous journey on the sea of matrimony.

Rev. Selinger was the officiating clergyman.

PEARSON—KELLER.

At Nevada, Mo., Saturday Dec. 10, Miss Bessie H. Pearson, niece of Dr. and Mrs. Wooson of St. Joseph, Mo., was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Fred Keller, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Keller of this city.

The young people will make Falls City their home.

The Tribune unites with their many friends in extending congratulations.

Runaway Accident.

Thursday morning, Oscar Little, employed by Jim Hauck a farmer living southeast of town was dangerously hurt by a runaway team which he was driving.

It seems that he was engaged in loading hogs in the wagon to which the team was hitched, when one of the hogs managed to jump out of the front end of the wagon and in so doing landed on the horses.

Becoming frightened they ran away and Mr. Little was thrown under the wagon in such a manner as to have several of his ribs broken and to suffer several other severe bruises.

Dr. A. Keller of this city was called to attend the injured man and informs us that he will recover.

Clarence Peabody of St. Joseph was the guest of Miss Pearl Prater last Friday.